

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 17, 1825.

Read.

AN ACT

For Arming the Militia of the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the act of the twenty-third of April, eighteen hundred and
4 eight, entitled "An act making provision for arming and
5 equipping the whole body of the Militia of the United States,"
6 be, and the same is hereby, declared to extend to the District
7 of Columbia; and the President of the United States is here-
8 by authorized and directed to issue arms and military equip-
9 ments to the Militia of said District, under such regulations
10 for the return thereof as he may deem it proper to prescribe.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the Secretary for*
2 the Department of War shall cause to be provided, in a cen-
3 tral situation in each of the Cities of Washington, Georgetown,
4 and Alexandria, a suitable building, in which the arms issued
5 to the Militia of said District shall be deposited after each and
6 every military parade; and a non commissioned officer, or
7 other suitable person, attached to the Military Establishment

8 of the United States, to be designated by the Secretary of
 9 War, shall be employed, at each deposite, to take charge of
 10 said arms, and to clean and preserve the same. And it shall
 11 be the duty of every officer commanding at a division, brigade,
 12 regimental, battalion, or company muster, to march his com-
 13 mand to the deposite assigned for the arms of the same,
 14 respectively, and to cause the said arms to be delivered up to
 15 the keeper of the said deposite before dismissing his parade;
 16 and any officer failing herein, shall incur a penalty of ten dol-
 17 lars, to be collected as other militia fines, unless remitted by
 18 a Legionary Court of Inquiry: *Provided*, That, if the com-
 19 manding officer of any volunteer company shall become re-
 20 sponsible, in such manner as the chief officer of the Ordnance
 21 Department shall prescribe, for the safety of the arms placed
 22 in the hands of his corps, the arms may be left in the hands
 23 of his said company.

February 15, 1825.

Passed the House of Representatives.

Attest,

M. ST. CLAIR CLARKE, C. H. R.